



WHAT ARE WE FIGHTING FOR

THE right of the human being to speak and to express himself is as undeniable as a law of nature. Without it there is no hope for happiness, no promise of progress, no unity for national strength.

Only so long as we can speak out openly and without fear, as in public meetings so typical of free America, is it possible to consider important issues or arrive at practicable conclusions affecting public interest. It's the only way a decision agreeable to the majority or a compromise satisfactory to the minority can be determined. This is American, democratic self-government.

Because of the working of this process America was prepared to make the decision suddenly forced upon us by the treachery of an enemy. Immediately

The Four Freedom

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FREEDOM OF SPEECH

the voices that had been many on both sides of the issue of war became one voice — the voice of free America, ringing out its determined answer to the challenge of the forces of destruction and oppression.

Here in America we know our course in this present world struggle and we know the principles for which we fight. This is a fountain of strength in our struggle against the dictators whose subjects know only what their masters want them to know, who think what they are told to think and who fight only because they are ordered to fight. There is a great silence; theirs is a world that is dead.

Without the voices of the people a land might just as well be without any sound, even the noises of nature. The sound that free speech has made in our country will echo 'round the world. The force that free speech has built will restore speech to the downtrodden nations. It must be . . . or all the people on earth will be doomed to eternal silence. America will not fail.

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